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CUT IN FARMERS SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to curtail the subsidies being given to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): In budget 2012-13 it has been indicated that the subsidies related to food and for administering the Food Security Act will be fully provided for by the Government and all other subsidies would be funded to the extent that they can be borne by the economy without any adverse implications.
Further, the budget 2012-13 has announced the endeavour to restrict the expenditure on central subsidies to under 2 per cent of GDP in 2012-13 and in the next three years it would be further brought down to 1.75 per cent of GDP. The effort would henceforth be directed towards better targeting and leakage proof delivery of the subsidies.